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## “DO NOT CAUSE STRIFE”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: لَقَدْ ابْتَغَوْا الْفِتْنَةَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَقَلَّبُوا لَكَ الْأُمُورَ  
حَتَّى جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَظَهَرَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَهُمْ كَرِهُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾<sup>1</sup>  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا  
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ  
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى  
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I humbly call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. Let us give our full attention to the sermon that is to be delivered. Let us not converse and idly play with our mobile phones.

On this glorious day, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled “**DO NOT CAUSE STRIFE.**”

**Respected Friday audience,**

<sup>1</sup> at-Tawbah 9:48.

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



In the context of living in a diverse society with various ethnicity, faith, and culture, the concept of *halaal* (lawful) in Islam necessitates the attitude and behavior of mutual respect between humans. Implementing the *halaal* as *fitrah* (natural disposition) necessitate being responsible without differentiating between social, economic, or political statuses, befitting with the diversity, the existence of others, despite having different races and cultures. Many nations in this world endured the misfortune of diversity with the lives of the citizen that are always overwhelmed with turmoil among themselves. The implementation of *fiqh at-ta'aayush* (the Islamic jurisprudence of coexistence) requires active participation of all parties in preserving harmony in the lives of multiracial and multireligious communities in Malaysia.

### **Blessed Muslims,**

The issue of *halaal* will always be intertwined with matters involving public interest and sensitivities within the society. Accordingly, when faced with this matter, everyone must play their important role of being responsible in safeguarding the harmony and avoiding at all costs any instances that can lead to misunderstandings and disputes.

Recently, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, there was an issue of "the prohibition of writing Merry Christmas or X'Mas on cakes" made viral by a company that was widely disseminated without thorough investigation beforehand, only to result in various responses, assumptions, and prejudices due to the statement that was uploaded and disseminated.

### **Dearest Muslims,**

It must be duly reminded that such situation is inappropriate for a society that respects one another and yearns for peacefulness. The issue of *halaal* certification that was hotly debated had given negative perception upon the non-Muslims towards the religion of Islam in of itself, while Islam is a religion that does not coerce or pressure with force upon any individual to accept its



teachings. Moreover, the status of a non-Muslim is no different than that of a Muslim on the grounds of universal humanity, religious freedom, rule of law, and divine justice.

Every individual, party, or groups within society must be vigilant in not making its own assumption, triggering provocations, sowing slander, or igniting the fire of enmity to the point of creating an atmosphere that is unsafe and chaotic within the society. Watchfulness in these types of matters is necessary so as to not tarnish the religion of Islam and causing Islam to be misunderstood, and provoking disputes. Know that Islam heavily stresses on harmony between individuals. Islamic teachings emphasize on good relations not only among Muslims, but also with the non-Muslims.

### **Beloved Friday congregation,**

I always remind all of us not to be prejudiced, do not disseminate everything that we know about, and even worse, when a matter is still unverified. Verily, those that narrate or spread everything that they heard about will be led to deceits. Furthermore, it will cause even greater mischief. In the *hadeeth* of Hafs bin 'Aasim *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

كَفَى بِالْمَرْءِ كَذِبًا أَنْ يُحَدِّثَ بِكُلِّ مَا سَمِعَ

***"It is enough of a lie for a man to narrate everything he hears."***

*(Muslim)*

With that, do not even dare to spread something that one is unsure of or act recklessly in releasing statements without verification and further scrutiny. The end result would only be prejudice, loss, and enmity.

Matters pertaining to religion are among issues that have been mutually agreed upon as sensitive matters that cannot be trifled with. Moreover, do not



trivialize it for it will stir up the anxiety of the masses, causing chaos, and adversely affect the harmony within the society.

Do not be inclined to pit one party against another. Do not jeopardize the nation's peacefulness, stability, and prosperity in reaping personal or group interests. In Islam, the Muslim is one that safeguards the Muslim community from the harm of his tongue and hands. Furthermore, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* reminds us in verse 58 of soorah al-Ahzaab of a manifest sin when there are those that would harm and pit others against themselves, whether using words or actions that were never committed.

**Dear beloved congregation,**

The creation of mankind with diversity is *sunnatullah* in His creations. Humans have varying looks, colors, personality, and race. Moreover, even their habits are diverse though originating from the same nation, ethnicity, and family. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Moosa al-Ash'ari *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى خَلَقَ آدَمَ مِنْ قَبْضَةٍ قَبْضَهَا مِنْ جَمِيعِ  
الْأَرْضِ، فَجَاءَ بَنُو آدَمَ عَلَى قَدْرِ الْأَرْضِ، فَجَاءَ مِنْهُمْ الْأَحْمَرُ  
وَالْأَبْيَضُ وَالْأَسْوَدُ، وَبَيْنَ ذَلِكَ وَالسَّهْلُ وَالْحَزْنُ وَالْخَبِيثُ  
وَالطَّيِّبُ

***"Indeed Allah Most High created Adam from a handful that He took from all of the earth. So the children of Adam come in according with the earth, some of them come red, and white and black, and between that, and the thin, the thick, the filthy, and the clean."***

*(at-Tirmidhi)*



**Dear esteemed Muslims,**

To conclude this sermon, let us altogether ponder and derive lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must know that human beings, according to the decree of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, were born with various complexion, personality, mother tongue, and race, so as to be acquainted, converse, and respect one another.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that Rukun Negara, namely Loyalty To The King And Country and Supremacy Of The Constitution, is the social adaptation of the society that aims to preserve the unity and harmony of the society.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that *fitnah*, propaganda, or prejudice, if not properly addressed, will only cause destruction upon the society and nation.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ  
شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٤٥﴾

**“And fear a trial which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively, and know that Allah is severe in penalty.”**

(*al-Anfaal* 8:25)



بَارِكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا  
فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ،  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ.  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا  
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا  
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ  
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by protecting ourselves and our families from committing acts of disobedience and abominable deeds. At the same time, we continue to supplicate so that we will always be blessed and protected from all forms of threat and the spread of Covid-19 endemic. For that, respected audience are advised to practice self-care and be mindful of one's personal hygiene and surroundings. Maintain social distancing and wear the face mask to prevent contagion. Avoid being in a congested and narrow area, and do not converse too close to others especially when having symptoms that can be associated with Covid-19.

Let us strictly adhere to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) stipulated in preventing the spread of the pandemic, so that we can continue to engage in *'ibaadah* (worship) and activities at the *masaajid* and *suraus*, and together indulge in worship during the month of Ramadaan that will soon dawn upon us.





إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ  
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ  
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ  
الْكَفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَغُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ  
الْحَجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَغُورِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ



وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَزِيزُ يَا مُنْتَقِمُ يَا جَبَّارُ، يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ  
انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُجَاهِدِينَ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي  
فَلَسْطِينَ.

O Allah, O our Lord! Save our Muslim brethren whom are oppressed in the land of Palestine, and wherever they may be. Remove all the tyranny that exist on this earth. Bestow justice upon those that have been mistreated and oppressed. O Allah! Bestow upon the Muslim fighters, as well as the Palestinians, strength and patience in enduring the cruelty of the enemy. O Allah! Restore peace and prosperity in the land of Palestine so that its people will live in happiness.

O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the *amaanah*. Strengthen our *imaan* so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the *Sharee'ah*. O Allah, make the *masaajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah*'s strength.



اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ  
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ  
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾

رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى

عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.